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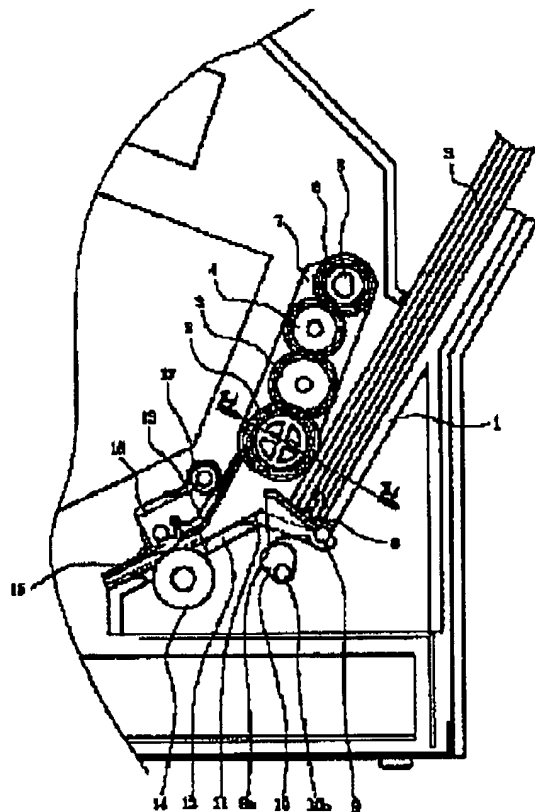
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**Abstract of JP2000143023****PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To prevent separative failure in a slope separation.**SOLUTION:** When a sheet S is loaded, an angle  $\theta_1$  lying between a movable separative slope 8 and a sheet loading surface 1 is set up to be smaller than an angle  $\theta_2$  at the time of separating the sheet, whereby the tip side of a sheet bundle inserted is made so as not to be deformed, and in time of sheet feeding by a paper feed roller 2, the movable separative slope 8 is set up to the large angle  $\theta_2$ , thereby preventing multifeed from occurring.

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